

# THE REST OF YOUR LIFE STARTS TODAY

A GUIDE TO CONTINUED LEARNING  
AND PERSONAL GROWTH



# PRESENTATION DETAILS

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**THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE WAS 20  
YEARS AGO. THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW**



- Husband & Father
- Curriculum Developer at Tech Elevator
- Self Taught Programmer
- Freelancing to startup in San Francisco
- Online Instructor (53,000+ Students)
- President of a non-profit (CLE Cares)
- Life Long Learner







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# WHERE IS MY FREE TIME?

# I LOVE TO LEARN!

- 40+ Books on my bookshelf / Wishlist
- 10+ Audiobooks on Audible
- 2-3 Programming Languages
- 2-3 Frameworks
- Front End Skills
- Video Editing Skills
- 3-5 New Tools
- Projects / Ideas that I want to work on

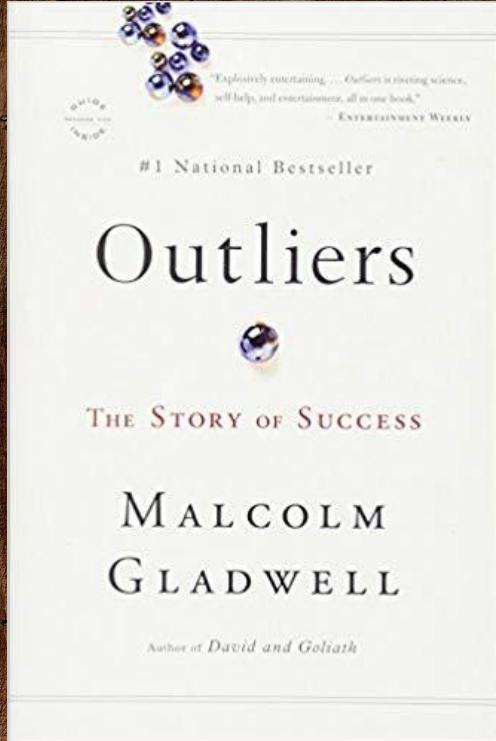
# THINGS TO LEARN



**SO MUCH TO DO**

**SO LITTLE TIME**





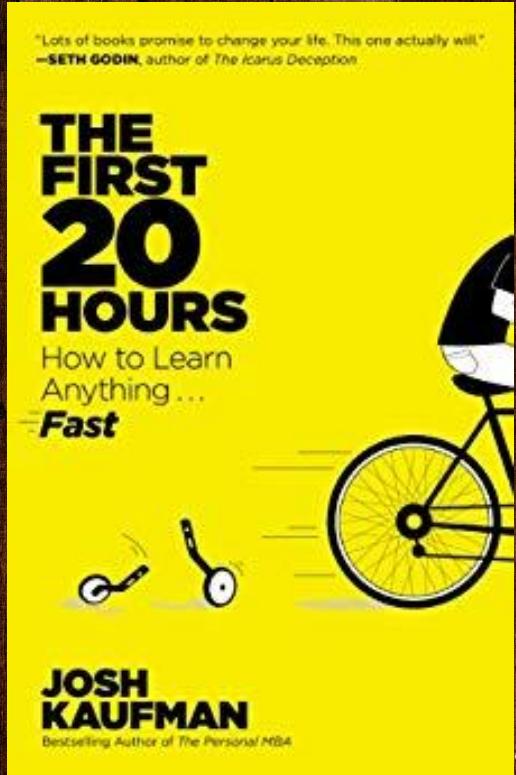
- 2008 OUTLIERS WAS RELEASED
- 10,000 HOUR RULE
- DR. K. ANDERS ERICSSON (FSU)
- 8 HOURS EVERY DAY FOR 3.5 YEARS
- 5 YEARS AT A FULL TIME JOB
- TOP OF NONFICTION BEST SELLER LISTS FOR 3 MONTHS
- 10,000 HOUR RULE WAS BORN



# 10,000 HOURS!

WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF EVEN  
TRYING TO LEARN  
A NEW SKILL?





# RAPID SKILL ACQUISITION

- DECIDING exactly what you want to be able to do.
- DECONSTRUCTING a skill into the smallest possible units.
- LEARNING enough about each subskill to be able to practice intelligently and self-correct during practice.
- REMOVING physical, mental, and emotional barriers that get in the way of practice.
- PRACTICING the most important subskills for at least twenty hours.

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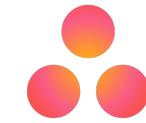
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# COMMON LEARNING BARRIERS

- Not understanding why you want to learn a new skill.
- What to Learn?
- Obtaining critical tools
- Unrealistic Goals
- Practice Time

# WHAT TO LEARN



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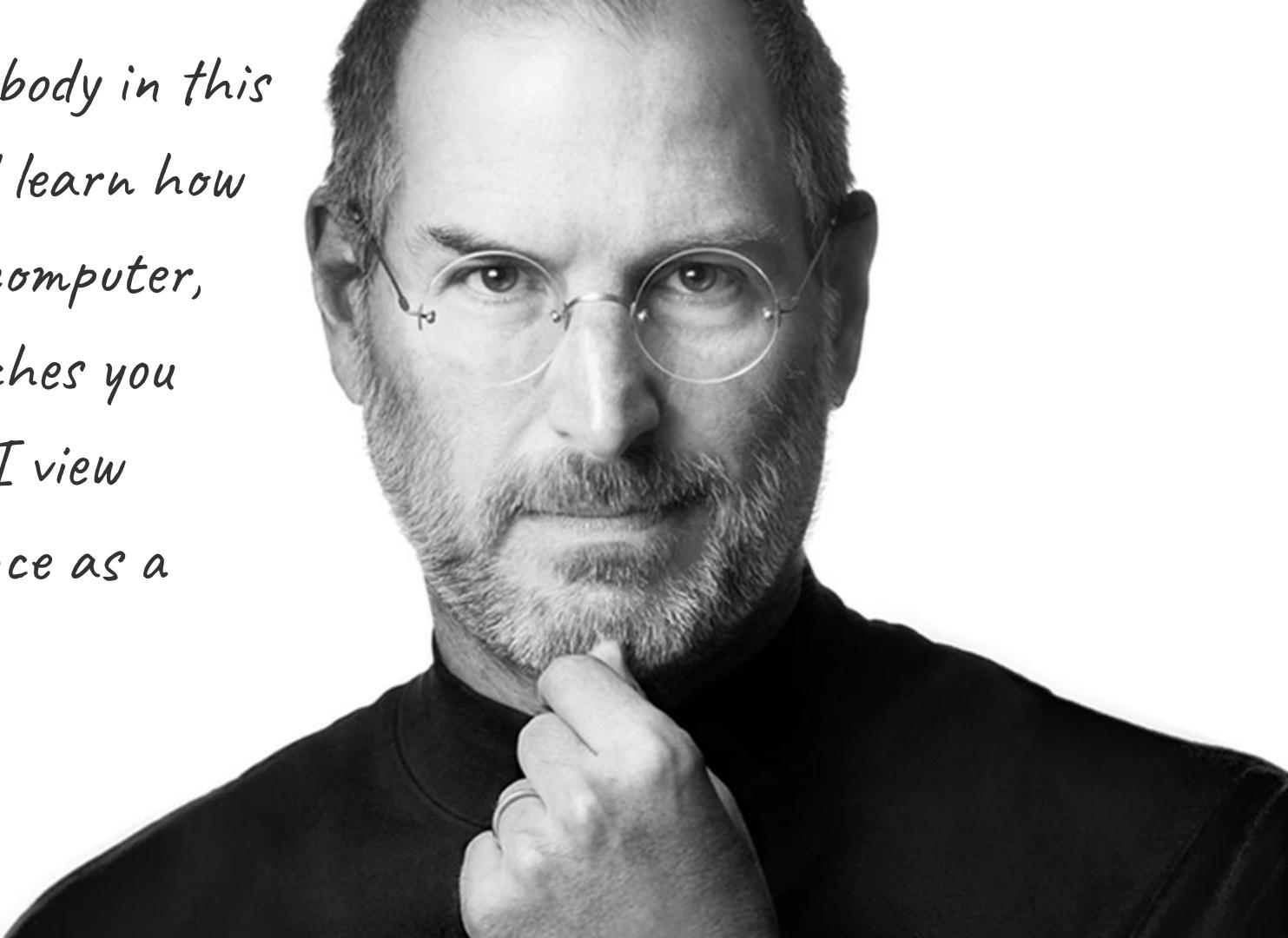


LEARN HOW TO CODE

# **WHAT IS YOUR WHY?**

*"I think everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer, because it teaches you how to think. I view computer science as a liberal art."*

*- Steve Jobs*



# WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO CODE?

- It will teach you how to think
- Career Change
- Promotion at work
- Build an app/website/business
- Help your kids
- Curiosity



A collage of images showing various types of bread and baked goods in a bakery setting. The images include close-ups of loaves of bread, muffins, and pastries displayed in glass cases and on wooden shelves. The lighting is warm and inviting, typical of a bakery environment.

I want to “Learn to Code”  
so that I can build a basic  
website for my new bakery  
business”

# DECONSTRUCTING OUR SKILL INTO SUB SKILLS

- Programming vs Markup Language
- Static Website
  - HTML
  - CSS
- Local Development vs Hosted (Production)
- Website Features
  - Cupcakes, Sweets, Cakes, Catering, About, Contact Us (Web Form)
  - Google Forms

# OBTAINING CRITICAL TOOLS

- Computer
- Software required to create websites
  - Text Editor
  - Web Browser
- Hosting
- Learning Resources
  - Books / Blogs / Articles / Websites
  - YouTube Videos / Courses
  - Podcasts

# GOALS



# Michael Hyatt

<https://michaelhyatt.com>



# S.M.A.R.T GOALS



- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Results-focused
- Time-bound

- I want to learn how to code
- I want to learn how to code to build websites
- I want to learn the basics of HTML & CSS so that I can build a basic static website for my business in 1 month.

# PRACTICE

# REMOVING DISTRACTIONS

- Significant pre practice effort
- Critical tools availability
- Physical distractions
- Emotional blocks

# DEDICATING TIME TO PRACTICE

- Finding time is a myth
- Acquiring a new skill requires giving up things we like to do
- Must align with our goals
- Plan your day
- Talk with your family
- Talk with work

# PERFECTION IS OUR ENEMY

- The first day of school
- Practicing perfectly, a recipe for frustration
- Practice as much as you can while maintaining “good enough” form \*
  - \* There are exceptions to this rule
- Examples
- Skill is a result of deliberate, consistent practice

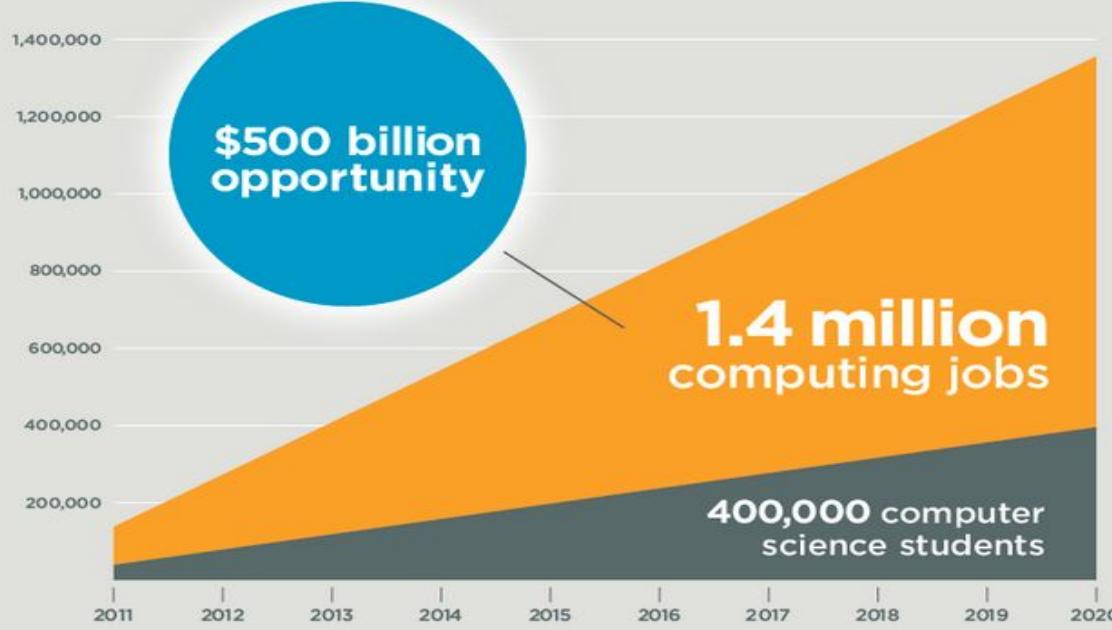
# **WHAT ABOUT IMMERSION**

# **WHAT IS TECH ELEVATOR?**



# WHY WE'RE HERE

1,000,000 more jobs than students by 2020



Computer Programming  
jobs are growing at 2x  
the national average.



# DEMAND DRIVEN, PRACTITIONER LED

- Full-time, In-person
- 14 weeks: 24/7 access
- 700-800 hrs of dev time
- \$15,500
  - Laptop/books included
- Financing options
- Java / .NET bootcamps
- Code-ready, Full Stack Developer
- 12,000+ cups of coffee

FULL  
STACK

14  
WEEKS

Java &  
.NET

**4 LOCATIONS**  
**480 ALUMNI**

① *Cleveland*<sup>TM</sup>

② THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**

③ city of  
**CINCINNATI**

④ CITY OF  
**PITTSBURGH**



# EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS



Josh Tucholski



Craig Castelaz



Frank Fella

ROSETTA



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Brought to you by Tech Elevator, CWIT, Nationwide, and CoverMyMeds.



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ELEVATE @ YOURSELF

# SOFT SKILLS CAREER PREP

30+  
PATHWAY  
PROGRAM  
SESSIONS

6-8  
HOURS  
*of*  
1 - on - 1  
\*on average  
CAREER  
COACHING



200+  
HIRING  
PARTNERS

200+  
MENTORS



# REAL RESULTS

**92%**

Graduation  
Rate

**\$61,000**

Average  
Graduate  
Salary

**91%**

Job  
Placement  
Rate



Ranked as the #1 Bootcamp  
Nationally for Job Placement Rate  
[CIRR.org](http://CIRR.org)



# NEXT STEPS

## READY!

- Which bootcamp interests you?
  - Spring, Summer, Fall
- 3 Step Admissions Process:
  - 1. Take online aptitude test
  - 2. Apply so we can learn more about you
  - 3. Schedule your interview

## STILL THINKING?

- Schedule a 15 minute info session
- Join our #learntocode Meetup group

[techelevator.com](http://techelevator.com)



# SKILL ACQUISITION RECAP



- What to Learn
  - What is your why?
  - What to learn?
  - Breaking down a skill
  - Obtaining Critical Tools
- S.M.A.R.T Goals
- Practice
  - Removing Distractions
  - Dedicating Time to practice
  - Perfection is our enemy

“Live as if you were to die  
tomorrow. Learn as if you were to  
live forever.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

# QUESTIONS?



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